

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Himanshu BRAHMBHATT et al.
Title: TARGETED GENE DELIVERY TO NON-PHAGOCYtic
MAMMALIAN CELLS VIA BACTERIALLY DERIVED INTACT
MINICELLS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned case on October 14, 2008. Applicant encloses herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-18 and 35, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicant specifically reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Election of Species

Applicant elects as a species a “polypeptide” bispecific ligand. Each of the elected claims reads upon this species.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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